Precipitation includes rain. Rain, hail, sleet, and snow are all types of precipitation that fall from clouds in the sky. A rain gauge is used to measure it. The water cycle includes rain. Smoke is often absorbed by clouds, resulting in rain, which is often referred to as "nature's laundry." Rain is common in some areas. This results in rainforests. Rain is scarce in some areas. This results in deserts. A rainstorm is a sudden heavy fall of rain. It has the potential to cause flash floods in valleys. Floods can happen when heavy rain falls for a long time, destroying homes and drowning people. Landslides may happen as well.